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Mentions two approaches to developing and streamlining site-specific criteria:

Performance-based approach to developing site-specific criteria

- Establishes a structure or decision-making framework that is binding, clear, predictable, and transparent
- Sufficiently detailed and has suitable safeguards to ensure predictable, repeatable outcomes
- Relies on the State specifying implementation procedures such as methodologies, minimum data requirements, and decision thresholds in its water quality standards
- Well-suited to the derivation of site-specific numeric criteria and for interpreting narrative criteria into quantifiable measures
- Must include a public participation step to provide all stakeholders and the public an opportunity to review the data and calculations supporting the site-specific application of the implementation procedures
- After approach was approved by EPA, individual criteria derived from the approach would not need EPA approval, although they would need to be submitted for inclusion in the CWA WQS docket

General performance-based approach to developing site-specific criteria

- More general than performance-based approach
- Would still help guide EPA review of specific outcomes
- Because of the lower level of specificity, individual criteria derived from the process would still require EPA approval. However, the review time should be reduced because of the approach outlined in advance.